

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Abstract and Specification have been amended. Dependent claims 7 and 8 have been added. No additional claim fees are believed to be necessary for entry of the additional claims. No extension of time is believed to be required based upon the filing of this Amendment prior to the deadline of the three-month statutory period (i.e., July 7, 2004). However, authorization is granted to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 107439-00027**, for any additional fees necessary for entry of this Amendment.

Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the Specification and the drawings, as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 1-8 are presently pending for review in the present application and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration.

The Abstract and the Specification of the application stand objected to for informalities. The Abstract and Specification have accordingly been amended in response to the Examiner's objections and it is submitted that the Abstract and the Specification comply with U.S. patent practice. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Kuzma patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,901). Claims 2-6 depend from independent claim 1. The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

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The present claimed invention is directed to an e-mail sending and receiving system by which positional data about a plurality of places can be included in an e-mail message to be sent, and further detailed data can be obtained based on the included positional data, thereby improving the convenience effectiveness of the positional data. Independent claim 1 recites an e-mail sending and receiving system for sending and receiving e-mail between communication terminals, where each e-mail message is written on a Web page provided by a communication center, and each communication terminal is provided in a mobile or fixed station, the system comprising a mail generating section for generating an e-mail message to be sent to an addressee; a positional data storage section for storing a plurality of positional data; and a positional data attaching section for attaching one or more of the positional data stored in the positional data storage section to the e-mail message generated by the mail generating section.

The Kuzma patent is directed to an attachment-by-reference e-mail message system. With reference to Figs. 2 and 4, the Kuzma patent discloses that when a user 210 wishes to send an attachment with an email message to another user 212, the e-mail message 401 is transmitted along with a relatively small attachment reference 402, instead of actually transmitting the entire attachment file along with e-mail message 401. Attachment reference 402 comprises a pointer 410 that points to the actual location of the attachment 420. The location of the attachment 420 is typically a storage medium relatively local to the sending user so that fewer network resources are utilized in transmitting and storing the attachment. (col. 4, l. 65 – col. 5, l. 14)

It is submitted that the Kuzma patent fails to disclose or suggest the e-mail sending and receiving system, as claimed. Particularly, the cited reference does not disclose at least

the positional data storage section for storing a plurality of positional data or the positional data attaching section for attaching one or more of the positional data stored in the positional data storage section to the e-mail message generated by the mail generating section as claimed in independent claim 1. Rather, the Kuzma patent discloses adding an attachment reference in an e-mail message with the "attachment reference" consisting merely of the network address of a computer file attachment for enabling an intended e-mail message recipient to retrieve the computer file attachment from network storage means local to the message sender. In contrast, the positional data attaching section of the present claimed invention stores "positional data" comprising location information, which may include, for example, geographic map images, for sending to a mobile station, such as a car navigation system, or a fixed station, such as a user terminal. Thus, the adding of the attachment reference in the Kuzma patent is neither equivalent nor analogous to the positional data storage section or the positional data attaching section as claimed in independent claim 1.

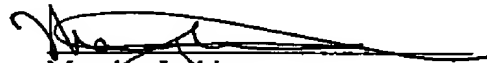
Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 1 is patentable based on the Kuzma patent not disclosing or suggesting an e-mail sending and receiving system comprising, in pertinent part, a positional data storage section for storing a plurality of positional data or a positional data attaching section for attaching one or more of the positional data stored in the positional data storage section to an e-mail message generated by a mail generating section as claimed in the present invention. In addition, dependent claims 2-6 and newly added dependent claims 7-8 depend from independent claim 1, and thus are limited to additional features of the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-8 are also patentable over the reference for at least the reasons set forth

above with respect to independent claim 1. Claims 1-8 are thus patentable and in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned counsel at the telephone number, indicated below, to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

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